



DEVON COUNTY INDOOR BOWLS ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT 2019/2020.

GEORGE MABON

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A REPORT FROM THE COUNTY SECRETARY ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNTY ASSOCIATION DURING THE SEASON 2019/2020.

THIS IS THE 47TH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION.

There has been a damaging limitation on this season's activities due to the effects of the Coronavirus-COVID19 outbreak and subsequent pandemic. Government advice has prevented the completion of many competitions and left clubs and their members rather deflated as they come to terms with what has happened and the prospect of possible future changes to our sport when the situation hopefully improves. EIBA has issued guidance notes for a return to Bowls for the coming season and we must be positive that the measures will achieve our aims.

The Association remains committed to help and support all clubs and members insofar as they can, as a supreme effort is required to maintain our organisation for the future. Having said that, nothing can deflect our pride in the achievements of our bowlers during this season.

MEMBERSHIP

The declared membership for the current season is 2067, an increase of 172 compared to last season. The efforts of clubs in increasing this membership level is a terrific achievement.

HONOURS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

AT THE HEAD OF THIS SECTION REGARDING HONOURS I WOULD LIKE TO RECORD THE MAGNIFICENT ACHIEVEMENTS OF JOHN EVANS, PHIL HACKETT AND KEVIN PHILLIPS BY HAVING PLAYED IN 100 MATCHES IN THE LIBERTY TROPHY. CERTIFICATES WERE PRESENTED TO ALL THREE MEN TO RECORD THEIR SUCCESSES. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL.

At the time of writing this report, which has been delayed as long as possible there has not been any final decision as to when the finals of the following will be played although DCIBA has decided that if possible the County competitions will be staged at the end of the 2020/2021 season. Our congratulations go to all of the following players and teams;

NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Denny Cup.	Winners.	EXONIA
Denny Plate.	Semi-Finalists.	TORBAY
All of the following competitions have to be finalised.		
Men's Singles.	Final Stages.	J.CHESTNEY EXONIA
Men's Fours.	Final Stages.	EXONIA
Men's Over 60s.	Final Stages.	R. AVENT PLYMOUTH
Men's Over 60s Pairs.	Final Stages.	EXONIA
Men's Over 50s Triples.	Final Stages.	EXONIA
Men's 2Wood Singles.	Final Stages.	S. TOLCHARD EXONIA
Men's Over 60s Inter Club	Double Rink FINAL.	PLYMOUTH
Top Club	Semi-Final.	EXONIA V ST. NEOTS
David Cornwell Trophy.	Semi-Final.	EXONIA V WEY VALLEY
Egham Trophy.	FINAL	EXONIA V LINCOLN
LIBERTY TROPHY.	FINAL.	DEVON V DURHAM

COUNTY COMPETITIONS

TOP CLUB WINNERS EXONIA. RUNNERS UP PLYMOUTH.

INTER CLUB DIVISION ONE

WINNERS EXONIA. RUNNERS UP TORBAYA

DIVISION TWO

WINNERS TORBAYB RUNNERS UP MID DEVON

TO BE PLAYED

COUNTY TROPHY FINAL	EXONIA V PLYMOUTH
PARROTT TROPHY FINAL	DAWLISH V TORQUAY UTD

OVER 60s SEMIFINALS

UNDER 21s FINAL. SINGLES SEMIFINALS.

TRIPLES SEMIFINALS.

UN BADGED PAIRS.

TORBAY V PLYMOUTH

PLYMOUTH V ISCA

ELLA CROUCH V CHRISTOPHER MOORE

S.DAVIS. V A.POOLE

TORBAY. MID DEVON

G.COXWELL. V A.DEMUTH

KINGSLEY. PLYMOUTH

S.DAVIS. V M.POWELL

TORBAY. EXONIA

I.VEITCH. V F.PRINCE

HONITON. TORBAY

S.JOHNSON. V K.WHEELER

KINGSLEY. SIDMOUTH

D.BURT. V D.HAYDEN

MID DEVON.

TORBAY

COUNTY AND PRESIDENTS MATCHES

County Games. Won 3. Lost 4

Presidents Games Won 9. Lost 4

Westsports Trophy. Won First Leg at Bodmin
Lost Second Leg at Torbay

Overall Score. Devon 151 Shots
Cornwall 149 Shots

Much to the vexation of Cornwall this meant that Devon retained the trophy for the eighth year in succession.

Many thanks to Keith Weeks for his tireless work as Match Secretary and all of the players who supported him of which there were many.

COUNTY TOUR

This year's tour to Dorset and Hampshire was a great success due to the efforts of tour organiser Larry Croxford and our President George Mabon. We played at Bournemouth, Dorchester, East Dorset and our final match, by tradition at Taunton Deane. We raised the bar this year by winning three matches out of four and posted an aggregate plus shot difference over the four matches. Well done to all.

Next year's tour has been arranged to go to Gloucestershire with matches at Cotswold IBC, Malvern IBC, Gloucester IBC and Taunton Deane. For any of you that have not yet considered going on a County Tour, please do think about what is an enjoyable experience for all.

DEVON COLTS

Nick and Diane have had a very successful year with some very satisfying victories. Their squad of talented players have grown in stature, strength,

character and maturity and Nick and Diane have excelled in their organisation, promotion and encouragement given to their charges. I admire and respect the support given by parents and supporters which undoubtedly gives the players a lift in spirits as well as actually getting them to their matches that are spread across the south west, with some lengthy journeys. Thank You. With financial help from parents and supporters together with help from County, we hope the coming season will see the full squad wearing the DCIBA jackets which not only looks impressive on arrival at venues but also may give our teams an edge over our opponents.

PRESIDENT AND HIS OFFICERS

I thank George Mabon for the year that he has served as our President and his humour and presence was appreciated by both Devon and our opponents both home and away. George maintained a resilient and dignified approach during what was a difficult time for him personally. Thank you Hilary and George.

David Butterworth took on the mantle of Treasurer and his careful management of our finances has put us in a better position to face the imminent financial challenges that lay before us, not just a County but nationally. Thank you.

My thanks go to Tony Davies who, as Fixtures Executive has proved himself a valuable asset to Devon County and I appreciate the way in which he has managed his role.

I am grateful and indebted to Keith Weeks for his management of our County matches and our Presidents Matches together with the Westsports Trophy and the other friendly matches. This has been especially hard in what has proved a difficult end of season. I feel that Keith and the County are extremely pleased to have retained the Westsports Trophy despite the best efforts of Cornwall.

When not treasuring or webbing David Butterworth safely organised and administered the Inter Club and Over 60s leagues whilst Chris Beer organised and administered the County Teams Competitions in a professional Manner. Thank you both.

John Berry and the Under 25s capitalised on the games available to them and some newer and some younger players have been introduced in to the squad. A period of consolidation will undoubtedly provide great success for Devon in years to come. Thank you John.

Kevin Phillips once again, with astute management has taken Devon to further great success by reaching the final of the Liberty Trophy, where they

will face Durham. We wish them well for the final when it is played. I hope fate and our abilities will reward us in completing the success that Kevin and the rest of the squad deserve.

Kevin also administered and organised, with the able assistance of John Berry, all of the County individual competitions including singles, pairs and Triples. In what was a frustrating season's end, hopefully we can conclude all competitions satisfactorily. At time of this report it is planned to play the finals at the end of the 2020/2021 season if that is possible.

Kevin and John have stepped down now from these roles and we owe them a debt of gratitude for their past efforts. Chris Beer will assume the responsibility for these competitions as of now with the able assistance of David Butterworth and we wish them well in their efforts.

I would like to thank George Taylor for his supreme work as our Safeguarding Officer, which, by its very nature often goes unnoticed because of the way it is carried out quickly, quietly and efficiently in the best interests of the County and its members. I cannot commend the efforts of George highly enough to you all.

For obvious reasons our Annual General Meeting has not yet been held. It is planned to hold a virtual meeting via email to ratify the decisions made at the March Executive Meeting which was also held virtually. Because of some the necessary changes to our timetables, an Extraordinary or Special General Meeting will also have to be held virtually to make it possible to amend our constitution. It has been frustrating not being able to execute our business as we would normally, but with forbearance and understanding we will triumph.

The COVID19 outbreak has overshadowed our season but does not overshadow the efforts and achievements of all of our players, officers and administrators of our Devon County, of which we can all be rightly proud.

I would like to end this report by once again thanking the Presidential team, the County Officers and Administrators and the Team Managers for their hard work over the past year. Their commitment and work ethic are the bedrock of our Association.

Our Presidential succession is in place and when confirmed Mousa-Al-Kordi will lead us in to a good future.

KEN BRENCHLEY
DCIBA SECRETARY

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